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COLLECTING METHOD **Dated:** Nov. 4, 2004

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. S. Fune, "Implementation and Application of Electronic Commerce 2", EC Implementation Technology and Systems, Nikkei Communication, Japan, Nikkei BP, June 15th, 1998, No. 272, pp. 204-209;

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2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. H11-96164, dated April 9, 1999;
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. H11-134353, dated May 21, 1999;
4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-99525, dated April 7, 2000.

The references were cited in an Office Action dated August 10, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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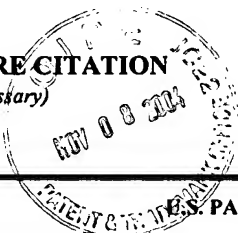
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OTHER DOCUMENTS			(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)
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